

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

<b>Application No.:</b>	10/567,562	<b>Examiner:</b>	R. C. Watson
<b>Filing Date:</b>	February 8, 2006	<b>Art Unit:</b>	3723
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<b>For:</b>	CLAMP APPARATUS		

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 TO OFFICE ACTION  
OF OCTOBER 23, 2008**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is responsive to the Office Action dated October 23, 2008 in the above application.

In view of the following remarks, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.